



Minnesota Gambling Control Board

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Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners
"PING PONG BALL" RAFFLE
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The following approved game concept and game requirements may be used by all organizations to conduct a "Ping Pong Ball " raffle.

Game Concept

Participants purchase a raffle ticket or certificate of participation for entry into the raffle. The corresponding numbered ping pong balls, all of equal shape, size, and weight, are placed into a container from which winners are selected.

Game Requirements

1. Raffle tickets/certificates of participation must include all relevant information:
 - organization name and license or permit number;
 - time, date, and location of the selection of winners;
 - entry price;
 - when applicable, a statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any fees or taxes (posted in game rules also);
 - sequentially numbered tickets/certificates, beginning with "1"; and
 - a corresponding "stub" or other record to include player information (name, address, telephone number). The record must correspond to the individually numbered ping pong ball.
2. A corresponding master list of all tickets/certificates reflecting all sold and unsold entries must be maintained by the organization and used during the selection process to verify winning sold entries.
3. The player/ticket holder is not required to be present to win.
4. Tickets/certificates may only be purchased using cash, check, or debit card. Entry in the raffle is not conditional upon any other purchase. No further entries may be sold after the first winner has been selected.
5. All entries have an equal chance of selection. All ping pong balls are the same shape, size, and weight; free of defects; numbered in advance by the organization; and accounted for prior to placement into the container.
6. Players may not touch, mark, or otherwise handle the ping pong balls.
7. The event must be viewed publicly and conducted in such a way to avoid any interference from the public.
8. If winning balls are re-entered into the raffle, they must be mixed with the other balls prior to the next selection. If a winning ball is determined to be an unsold entry, the winning prize will be awarded to the next qualified (sold) entry.
9. The organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" so all participants understand the process of selection. A statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any applicable fees or taxes must be included.
10. All sold and unsold entries must be accounted for including reconciliation for price variance for quantity purchases. For purposes of this raffle, entries are the actual ping pong balls placed in the container and must correspond to the master list of tickets/certificates.
11. All prizes available must be publicly posted at the event site.

If you have any questions regarding the conduct of a ping pong ball raffle, contact the Gambling Control Board.

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